

REMARKS

Claims 1-31, 33, 34, 36-38, 41-51 and 53-56 are pending in the application.

Claims 1-20, 26-31, 33, 34, 36-38, 41-45 and 55 are indicated as allowed. Claims 21-25, 39, 40, 46-51 and 53 are withdrawn from consideration.

Claim 56 is objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. This is not understood. Claim 56 depends from claim 55 which is indicated as allowed. In addition, claim 55 depends from claim 26 which is independent and allowed. There is no reason claim 56 should not be indicated as allowed at this time.

Claim 54 stands rejected. The applicant completely disagrees with the Examiner's arguments for the reasons advanced in the prior response. However, in order to expedite allowance of the case, claim 54 has been canceled, without prejudice.

In light of all of the above, it is submitted that the claims are in order for allowance, and prompt allowance is earnestly requested. Should any issues remain

outstanding, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney of record so that the case may proceed expeditiously to allowance.

Respectfully submitted,



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